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Applicants: Frank J. McConnell et al. Attorney Docket No. SACO115537  
Application No.: 09/658,770 Group Art Unit: 3626  
Filed: September 11, 2000 Examiner: Natalie Pass  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING INSURANCE POLICIES VIA  
A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING NETWORK

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER**  
**TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Seattle, WA 98101

January 7, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Appeal

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decisions dated November 1, 2004, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-19.

The required fee of \$500 is included in our enclosed Check No. 160539.

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